

**A PROCLAMATION  
BY THE LOUISVILLE JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT  
RECOGNIZING  
FEBRUARY AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

**WHEREAS:** Black History Month is a national annual observance for remembrance of important people and events in the history of the African Diaspora. It is celebrated annually in the United States and Canada in February and the United Kingdom in the month of October.

**WHEREAS:** The remembrance originated in 1926 by historian Carter G. Woodson. Woodson chose the second week of February because it marked the birthdays of two Americans who greatly influenced the lives and social condition of African Americans: former President Abraham Lincoln and abolitionist and former slave Frederick Douglas.

**WHEREAS:** The Louisville Metro Council affirms and is committed to the belief that the racial and ethno-cultural diversity of its communities is a source of economic, social, political and cultural enrichment and strength; and

**WHEREAS:** Members of the African American community have made significant contributions in most areas of American life including education, medicine, art, culture, public service, finance, human rights, civil rights and politics-including the Presidency of the United States.

**WHEREAS:** Black History month provides an opportunity for the contributions of African Americans to be showcased and shared.

**NOW THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL HEREBY PROCLAIMS FEBRUARY 2010 AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH AND ENCOURAGES PUBLIC OFFICIALS, EDUCATORS, LIBRARIANS, AND ALL CITIZENS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE LOUISVILLE METRO GOVERNMENT TO OBSERVE THIS MONTH WITH APPROPRIATE PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES THAT HIGHLIGHT AND HONOR THE COUNTLESS CONTRIBUTIONS OF AFRICAN AMERICANS.**

**Done this 11<sup>th</sup> Day of February 2010**

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**Councilwoman Mary C. Woolridge  
Louisville Metro Council - District 3**

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**Tom Owen, President  
Louisville Metro Council**